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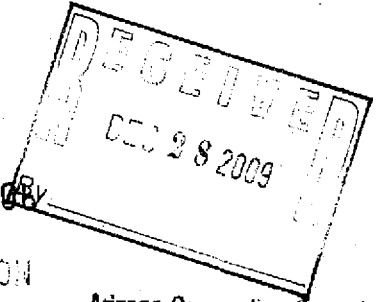
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Re: in the matter of the application of Trico electric cooperative, inc. for approval of a net metering tariff.

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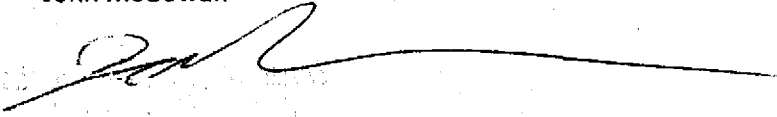
Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

As a residential customer of Trico Electric Cooperative and (aspiring) solar electric system owner, I would like to offer the following comments to the proposed net metering tariff.

1. Trico appears to be proposing a one time fee to install a new net meter which is capable of recording data at 30 minute intervals, as well as a monthly data fee. It is my understanding that other utilities in the state do not have requirements for such meters, and do not charge either a one time meter installation fee, or a monthly data fee. I would like to suggest that a meter capable of recording both kwh delivered and received on a cumulative basis be required only, and that fees for meter placement and reading are consistent with fees from other utilities in Arizona.
2. Trico has proposed a calendar year beginning in May and ending on April 30th. This choice of dates significantly limits the sizing of the system I can install under favorable economic conditions, as my electric bills, like most Trico customers, are highest in the summer time. It doesn't do me any good to allow net metering for system up to 120% of my total connected load if my spring time overproduction is paid out at avoided cost, instead of credited against future electricity consumption. The April 30th date feels particularly unfair given that solar electric systems produce the most energy in the spring, and I use the most electricity in the summer time. I understand that you recently approved the TEP net metering tariff with an October billing cycle cash out date. While I would prefer to continuously roll my credits forward, I would find an October reset date much more appealing than the April date proposed.

Thank you for consideration of my comments, and I urge you to expedite your approval of the Trico net metering tariff with a new calendar year more favorable to solar, and without requirements for unnecessary metering and associated fees.

John McGowan

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